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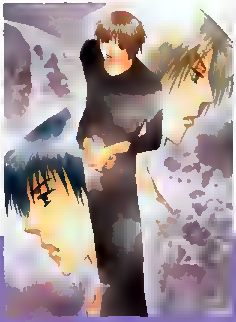

親友の多津也への想いを、遊び人の同級生・田辺に知られてしまった！　落ち込む暁良に、田辺は「オレが相手してやろうか？」と誘いをかけてきた。片想いの苦しさから暁良は田辺に抱かれてしまう…。それ以来、なぜか暁良のそばにいるようになる田辺。ところが、田辺の出現に焦るように、多津也が告白してきて!?

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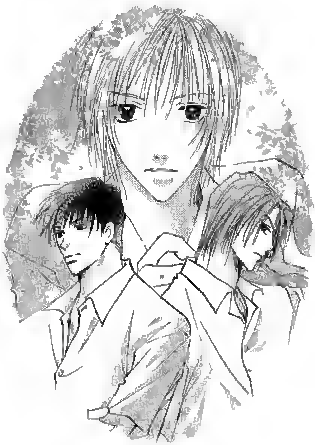

AH HA HA...
I did it again...
CRUMPLE
*senpai = upper classman
I became aware of the situation I'm in
TOSS
a long time ago
The time I was in middle school,
is when I started liking my *senpai.

But
After that spark of love
I became a coward
However...
Tatsuya...

2-B
SLAP
DOKI
Yo, Akira!
!
Tatsuya ...
Is there something bothering you? Your face seems rather gloomy this morning.
It's nothing.
It's

After that, how does a 50 meter dash sound?
Okay with you?
Ah, right...
Tatsuya's a committee member
About what?
Heey, Akira Have you finally come to a decision?
Don't give me that 'about what'!
I'm talking about the sports festival participation item
One item per person minimum. You were supposed to decide.
50 meter deeh...
H--m
Wasn't short distance your weak point?
Yeah
Sort of
Well then!
Let's trade places and you can pay me back later
Eh.
Right?
Your feet will then be able to pick up speed,
I... is it really okay? Tatsuya
I said it was, didn't I? It's only 50 meters, I'll be fine
Then it's decided

*****

"I think this is like one of those baton pass races where there are several people participating in one race. You run one type of race then pass the baton to the next person so they can do the next race, then that person passes it on to the next person until the race is finished. Sometimes there are different obstacles in the race or the race has different lengths (like what they're discussing now)

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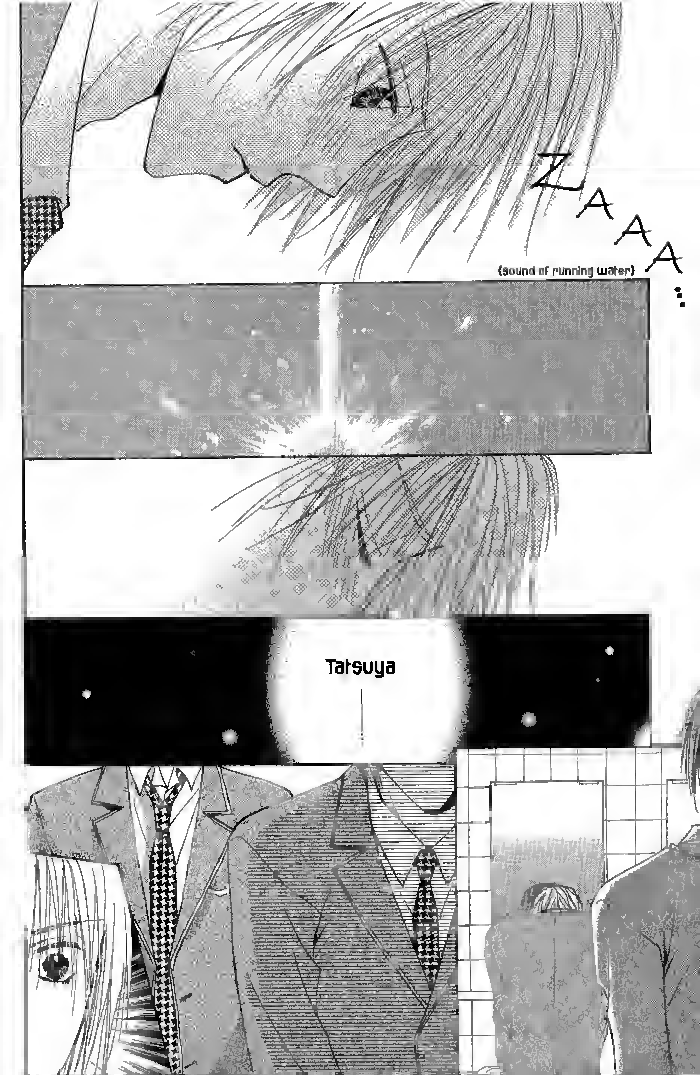
Oka-
ku~~n.
Tatsu
Oh!
Nanako
With everyone's decision
Hey, hey, hear me out You see yesterday—
What is it?
W.C


ZAAA...
(sound of running water)
Tatsuya

Tanabe
ZAI
!

Semen stinks huh.
Wha .....
....
Wha, wha!
Yeah well you've got a private room so-- no one would dare to intrude on you, I see.
What are... you saying -!
Relieving tension for one's self isn't a bad thing
Isn't it unexpected how the dormitory walls are rather thin?
GRIN
You mean-!

He eaves-dropped .....!
Wa...!
Wait a minute !
I won't rub it in further
.....
What
"Yui Akira's hobby is masturbating" or something?
You want me to assure you I won't say anything like
Tanabe Haruno...
PU KU KU KU...
It's not
It's not a hobby...!

Tatsuya
It should be okay
But I do know those type of people
I don't think his name was exposed
will definitely continue to tease someone like me
But---
I wonder if he really heard me...
I... hope I didn't say anything strange
That jerk
he ran
also whenever I open my mouth He has that attitude where he doesn't care what people think---
His room is next door to mine, so not only do I have to be careful of what I say but
!

It doesn't fit to your liking? Then how's Semen-kun?
Don't, don't call me that!
!!! Like I said...!
Uo.
Have a seat, Masturbation-kun.
Fine then, AKIRA what did you want to talk about?
I have a headache right now
What head-ache!
I know your type, never studying and always ranking 50th place.
Then look this way.
N, not really
How angry?
NO.

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Eh?
DON
Ah
That's
really good
Wh
What's with that guy
Was that a half-handed apology---?
That Tanabe,
I really don't know
Hmph
chomp
What's everyone doing gathered over here?
Because our allowance and boarding supplies arrived

There's a letter here.
Says "Mako-chan, are you faring well?"
What the hell's the-- "Instant men"
Mom, you bitch
Don't read that, dumb-ass!
Please have *sake in here
And snacks or candy--?
*sake = liquor
No I'm fine
Want the ramen?
Wait you don't take all in that!
One per person!
My money is still secure but
...

Yui, what will you be doing for the sports festival--?
Data Data Data
"Footsteps"
N--paying off a debt for a favor
What, seriously? For what?
Since Takeuya's substituting for me
Lucky. I'd really love to switch with you.
In your dreams
Found you! Ha-y, Akira!
Takeuya!

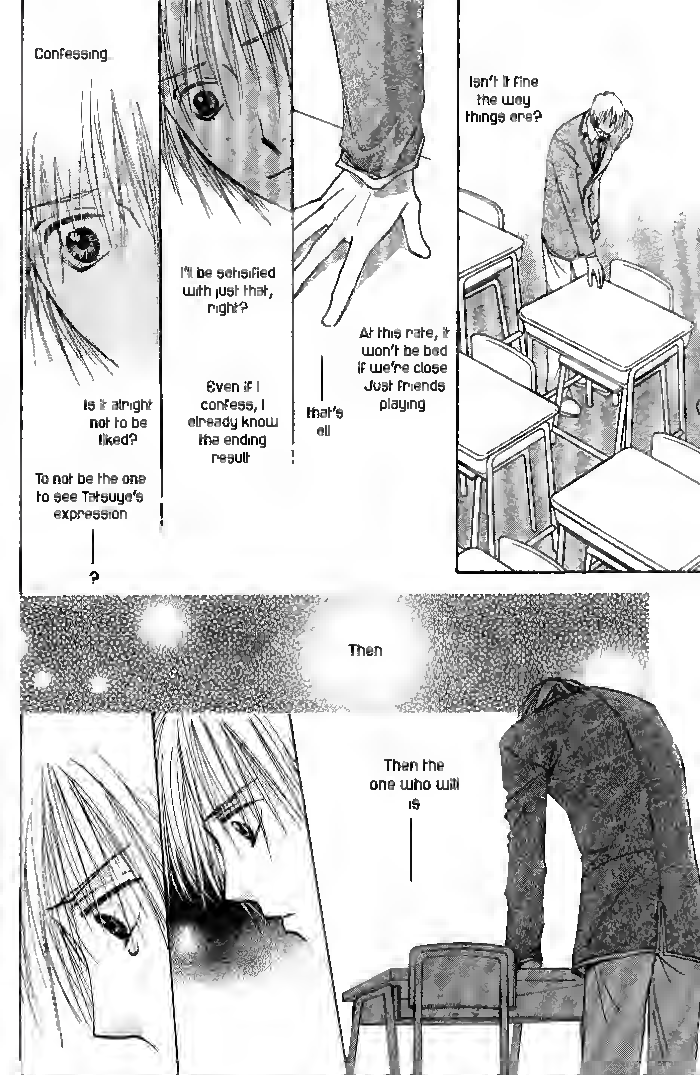
But Akira is really adorable.
I heard you were switching places with Akira?
Why? It'll be fine.
You must really love Akira a lot then---
Can you do that?
Yui, you're really adorable huh
Are you doing anything after school today?
No, why?
Would you mind shopping with me for a bit?
Takuya, Didn't you call me for a reason..?
Ah, right, right
Ah..
How do you put it, you're a protective type
Cha--really

Nanako's birthday is coming up,
and I thought we could look for a present for her together
You see, I think I like this girl but I'm not quite sure
If I'm not mistaken, you said you had an older sister, so I thought
Alright
.....
Well, see ya after class
You will? Thanks! You saved my life
Tatsuya is generous,
and bright
I knew he was a pleasant person from the time we sat next to each other in the same class

But sempai was
a little different from me.
Nice to meetcha. You can call me Oka
To fall for someone like him?
He was the popular one in our class
took no hima at all
How could he make me so happy?
I was a little shy and didn't want to talk about anything
This is cute.
However
Oh,
Look
For this price, it's cute.
But I suppose something better would be needed for a present.
H--mm?
Slip

It suits better on you
With an air
of defenselessness, I wanted that indirect smile
Tatsuya doesn't know of my feelings
I thought it wouldn't make a difference...
I wonder what you think of me

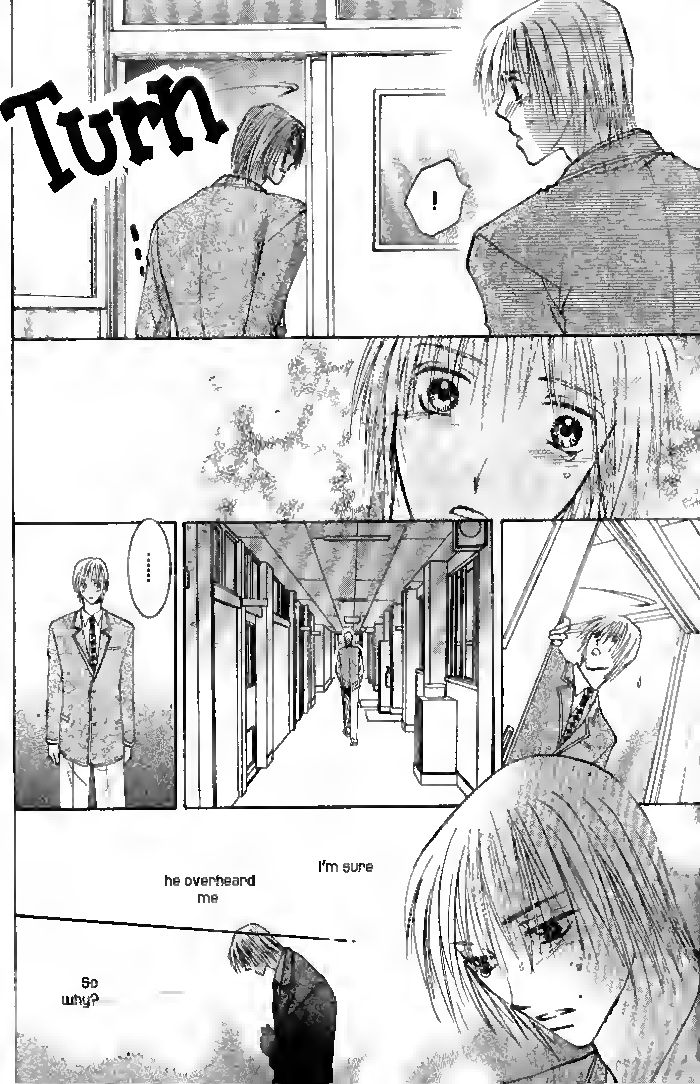
IF
IF
What if Tatsuya knew about my feelings?
Haven't I learned from my mistake yet?
I'm such an idiot


Confessing
Is it alright not to be liked?
To not be the one to see Tatsuya's expression
?
I'll be satisfied with just that, right?
Even if I confess, I already know the ending result
that's all
At this rate, it won't be bad if we're close Just friends playing
Isn't it fine the way things are?
Then
Then the one who will is

But
It's painful.
There's no hope for these feelings
Tatsuya
that continuously swell, rising until they overflow
At this rate,

Tatsuya
I'll

SFX. Door opening
Gata
He heard me!
Ah
He heard me!
This time
Somehow my voice won't come out
CRINGE
What should I do
Again
I'm sure of it
Ha


Turn
!
!
.....
I'm sure
he overheard
me
So
why?

So-
!
Have you heard? About your birthday present?
I heard about the price; 700 yen they say!
(Approx $5.51)
What a cheapskate
Not to mention, recently he's been busy
He doesn't make any time for me anymore
I asked what's more important to him, me or the sports festival

What nonsense Those kind of men are like totally inconsiderate
Eh——
He doesn't deserve you.
Totally, totally!
And he said that he's a committee member so I should understand
2-B
What about the numbers?
The main numbers, we can rent.....
Um... Tatsuya
Hm? What is it?
Can you estimate the supplies they need?
And—— you say the cheerleader clothes won't do

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Ah...
Ever since then,
He doesn't seem the same
Tanabe mysteriously hasn't said anything
Well,
Akira
it's not bothering me so

Eh..?
Tatsuya
Are you busy now?
Ah.. no
Can wa talk?
Well, yeah
B, Broke up..?
That can't be
Actually, that wasn't phrased too well

Like Nanako said,
I don't think about prioritizing
But, recently I've been horrendously busy
Recently he's been busy and doesn't make time for me any more
Akira
Tatsuya is...
I can't believe she doesn't see how tense you are
She...
She's stupid, that girl
You're a good person! I guarantee it!
Nanako is to blame.
not the one at fault...

Tatsuya
Oh yeah!
Almost forgot. Here for you
Girls really are full of it, more over they're selfish
but, that's what makes them kinda cute
But... Honestly, saying that cleared my mind a bit
Nanako does need a good wake-up call
Thanks for your concern
So, it's okay
but it just didn't match her type
I was thinking of giving it to her
Take this in place of my gratitude for today. I prefer seeing you wear it, instead.
Tatsuya

Tatsuya
Tatsuya
I really just don't understand what she's thinking
Tatsuya
Tatsuya
It was a good relation-ship for a little while
Sorry I made you tag along with me
Honestly
Tatsuya
You're the one I feel much more at ease with

I like you, Tatsuya.
Yeah
Me too.
Always
Ever since the first time we met
I've always, always liked you

I……
I like you…
It… It's exhausting trying to hold my feelings in
Even though I know it's bad to think of you like that,
It makes me happy
But it's painful
Conveying my feelings to you
I'm afraid to do that

Ah...
But...
Akira.
I said it!
Akira!

[For those who can't comprehend, he's crying]

Who's
there?
Wh,
Why
does he
always
at
such
bad
timing
"Hic"
"Hic"

You're that shaken up?
Such stupidity.
So he's straight huh?
It'll be impossible for him to understand.
It could be anyone's fault, but you're the one to blame.
Sh...
to announce it.

Shut up!
I don't need to hear it from you....!
Because I,
Because I...
I knew from the start
but,
But, these feelings would not be understood
I already realized,

Couldn't ...
help it
Uu...
hic
I still liked him!
I knew but I still liked him
So,
I couldn't help it!

HH...
sniffle
sniffle

SNIFFLE
Is your head a little clearer now?
!
What... are you saying... ...?
But,
my feelings have settled down...
he's right.
It's true,
Why?

I want someone to hear out my feelings---?
...Did I just
Because I finally said it out loud?
Because I yelled?
Nothing
Tanabe... stuck around and listened to my worries..?
I'm sure he listened but,
I won't be getting an answer to my problem from him...
*ズズッ
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* Tanabe. Your nose is running. Sure are a mess huh
Akira: ---

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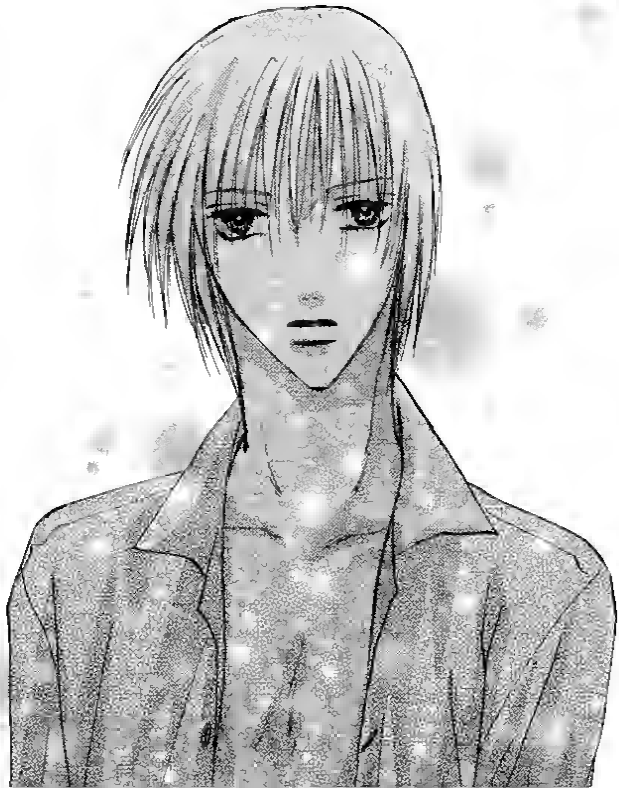
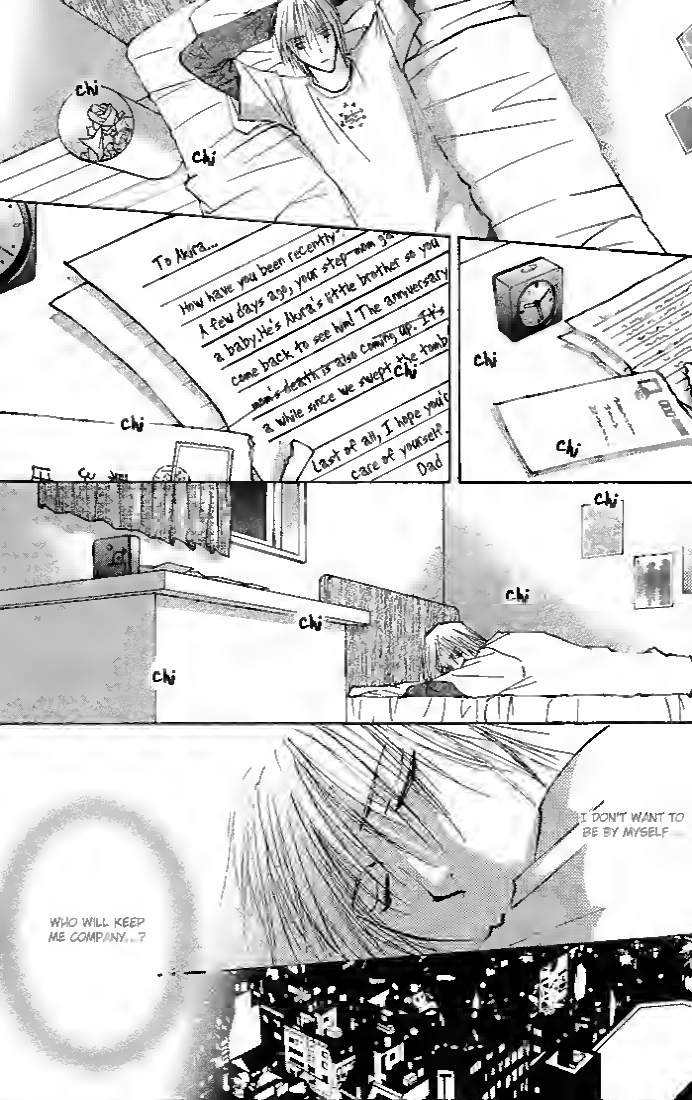


2-B
Good morning
Morning
Good morning
Good morning
Good morning Tatsuya!
BASH

A AKIRA
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE?
AHAHAHA!
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY
AKIRA
IT'S MY FAULT SUDDENLY SAYING SUCH STRANGE THINGS
IT SCARED YOU RIGHT?
BUT!
PLEASE
FORGET THIS MATTER RIGHT NOW!
I WILL WORK HARD TO FORGET IT TOO

HUH?
AKIRA!
SO IT'S A DEAL?
THIS WAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
HEY AKIRA!
OOSHIMA, WHAT'S UP?
.....
HELLOO
I BROUGHT SOME JUNK FOOD OVER!
I BOUGHT THE NEW FLAVORED POTATO CHIPS ♪
AKIRA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WHAT?
TODAY YOU SEEM UNUSUALLY HAPPY. IT'S WEIRD...

Silence
WHAT HAPPENED?
.....
IT'S NOTHING I'M FINE!
WHAT'S THAT? LUGGAGE?
YEA! I'M GOING HOME
STARTING TOMORROW IS A THREE-DAY VACATION, ISN'T IT?
MY PARENTS HAVE BEEN CLAMORING FOR ME TO GO HOME
MINE TOO
THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ALREADY LEFT TODAY
TOMORROW WE HAVE TO GET UP EARLY...
SO YOU JUST GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM.
WHAT? YOU'RE SO MEAN!
HEY SEIKA-WA
knock knock
TAKA-YAMA
CHE!
IS EVERYONE GONE?


chi
chi
To Akira...
How have you been recently?
A few days ago, your step-mom
a baby. He's Akira's little brother so you
come back to see him! The anniversary
mom's death is also coming up. It's
a while since we swept the tomb
Last of all, I hope you
care of yourself.
Dad
chi
chi
chi
chi
chi
chi
chi
I DON'T WANT TO BE BY MYSELF
WHO WILL KEEP ME COMPANY...?

HEY----HEY
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARE YOU ALONE?
YOU'VE BEEN WANDERING AROUND HERE FOR A WHILE
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLAYMATE?
NO MATTER WHO...
THEY ALL ARE...
DO YOU HAVE TIME?
WANNA PLAY WITH US?

I JUST... HOPE SOMEONE CAN STAY BY MY SIDE...
...I'M AFRAID OF BEING ALONE...
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND...
WHAT DO YOU DO?
WE KNOW SOME FUN PLACES!
THEN COME WITH US!
OH---- WHERE ARE THESE FUN PLACES?
SORRY---- HE'S WITH ME
!!

LET'S GO
TANABE
AH!
WAIT!
THOSE GUYS ARE RENOWN AROUND HERE FOR BEING PUNKS
IF YOU LEFT WITH THEM, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN DRUGGED AND GANG RAPED
IT DOESN'T MATTER ...
IF IT'S LIKE THAT,

IF I DON'T FORCE MYSELF TO SMILE---- PAINFUL SCREAMS WILL TEAR THEMSELVES OUT OF MY THROAT!
SO PAINFUL I CAN'T EVEN BREATHE...
IF I'M ALONE MY MIND STARTS THINKING OF ALL SORTS OF STUFF
BUT!
EVERYBODY IN THE DORMS HAVE BEEN SAYING YUI LATELY HAS BEEN REALLY WEIRD...
ALWAYS GOING INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S ROOMS, BEING LOUD LIKE AN IDIOT
JUST NOT THINK ABOUT ANYTHING
THAT WAY I CAN...
SO IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO IT IS!
IT DOESN'T EVEN MATTER IF I GET MESSED UP
YOU'RE STILL HUNG UP OVER THAT GUY?
JUST COMPLETELY FORGET EVERYTHING...
EVERYTHING

DON'T BOTHER ME!
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
OR WHAT?
YOU WANT TO KEEP ME COMPANY?
STAY WITH ME 'TIL MORNING IN PLACE OF THOSE GUYS?
OK.
IF YOU'RE LEFT TO FOOL AROUND IT WOULD LEAD YOU TO EVEN MORE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS
THEN, I WOULD FEEL GUILTY FOR SAVING YOU BUT NOT TAKING CARE OF YOU..
YOU SAID OK...
AM I NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO BE YOUR PARTNER?
TANABE, YOU'RE THE SAME AS ME...?

FIRST TIME IN TANABE'S ROOM.
— SMELLS LIKE CIGARETTES.
.....
JUST BEAR WITH IT
OR DO YOU WANT TO DO IT IN YOUR ROOM?
HERE IS FINE
badump

SLOW DOWN WAIT A SEC...
TA-
TANABE YOU...
AH...
snap
IF YOUR LOVER KNOWS THEN.
IF YOU DO THIS WITH ME
IT REALLY WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM?
IDIOT!
laugh
I WAS ALSO LOOKING FOR SOMEONE
IF I HAD ONE WOULD I BE HANGING OUT THERE?

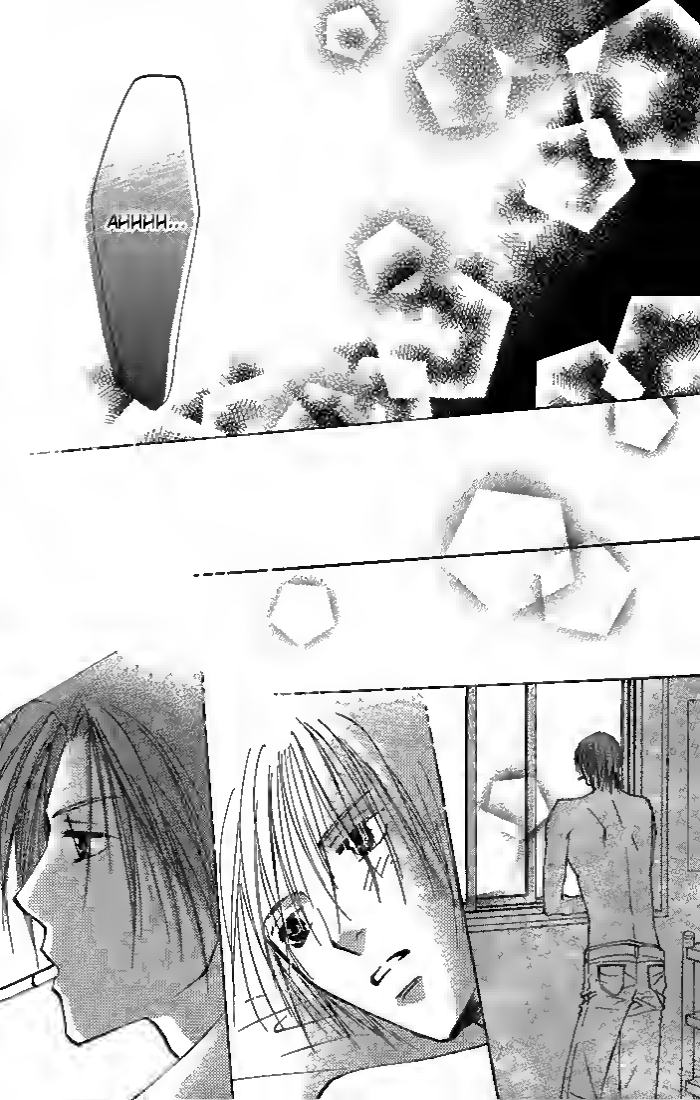
suck
suck
.....
YEA...
I FEEL MORE RELAXED DOING THIS WITH SOMEONE I KNOW.
YOU?
suck
lick
suck
MMMM

AH!
IF THIS
IF...
lick
suck
AH...
AH!
shudder
AH!
IT'S ALL RIGHT
pant
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO NOT THINK ABOUT ANYTHING?
surprise
AH!
YOU CAN COME.

squelch
NNHH...
WANT TO GET MESSED UP AND SCREWED UP COMPLETELY?
STILL CAN'T
squish
NNNN...
squish
AH...
squelch
NO!
I'M GOING IN.
squish
squish
THE SOUNDS YOU'RE MAKING...
SO WANTON.
NNN
NNN...
AH
AH!
squelch
squelch
squish
squelch

thrust
thrust
AH!
NNW
AH!
AH!
AH!
AH—
AH—
AH!
squelch
AH—
squelch
squelch
SO YOUR SENSITIVE AREA IS HERE!

TA...
TANABE
AH!
NNN...
MNN!
NNN...
I...
AH!
GOOD...
AH...
GOING TO COME?
I...
ALREADY ...
CAN'T...
AH...
NNN!


AHHHH...

.....
JEEZ
GOT DONE REALLY THOROUGHLY
WHAT TIME IS IT?
UMM... 10:30
10:30
THEN BREAK-FAST IS
ALREADY OVER
CAN'T TELL YOU LIKE EATING THAT MUCH.
I'LL GO TO THE CONVE-NIENCE STORE
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WAIT FOR LUNCH?
.....
TANABE
ARE YOU ALREADY USED TO THIS?
NN? I GUESS SO...
I'M YOUNG BUT I HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE
WHEN WAS YOUR FIRST TIME?
TALKING SO SERIOUSLY WITH TANABE
WE THIS FEELING IS SO STRANGE

SIXTH GRADE OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WHEN MY HOME ROOM TEACHER FORCED ME
BACK THEN I WAS A PRETTY BOY.
SO HE NOTICED ME
YOU'RE LYING RIGHT?
...MY FIRST TIME WAS JUNIOR YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.
LIKE YOU---- WAS WITH A HOME TUTOR.
THAT TIME WAS ALSO BECAUSE... I GOT REJECTED BY A CRUSH.
SO DISREGARDING ANY DANGERS I ACCEPTED SOMEONE'S INVITA...
WHAT?
ANYWAY IT'S JUST LIKE THIS HAVING SEX WITH MEN
SOMETIMES WITH A WOMAN JUST TO HAVE A CHANGE
ARE YOU REALLY TELLING THE TRUTH?
HAVING SEX IS LIKE A DOCTOR PERFORMING SURGERY.
THE TECHNIQUE GETS BETTER AND BETTER.
YOU HAVE NOT IMPROVED AT ALL
stare
Transparent guy
NO... your Business!
None of

I KNOW YOU WANT TO SAY I HAVE NO STYLE!
BUT, I CAN'T HELP IT! ALWAYS LIKING THE SAME TYPE OF GUY
YOU'RE SAYING THE TYPE LIKE TATSUYA?
CORRECT
KNOWS HOW TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE RELIABLE, REALLY CARING OF CHILDREN...
THAT SORT OF FEELING
A GOOD HUSBAND TYPE HUH
YOU SHOULD GIVE UP!
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T HELP IT!
HOW DID WE GET TO TALKING ABOUT THIS
TANABE YOU SHOULD STOP SMOKING
IT'S BAD FOR YOU
REALLY?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TANABE IS THINKING
BUT I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN SAVED BY HIM TWICE
IT FEELS REALLY STRANGE
IS IT BECAUSE YOU HAVE SHORT LEGS?
YOU WALK REALLY SLOW...
BUT
TANABE'S ATTITUDE HASN'T CHANGED A LOT,
Shut up.
So I'm not as tall as the average boy.
THAT'S PROBABLY...
THE REASON I'M SO RELAXED----

IF I DON'T CONFESS, THEN I'LL FEEL PAINFUL.
I REALLY LIKE YOU...
BUT...
thud
collapse
DAMN IT!

WON'T LEAVE MY HEAD.
HIS VOICE AND...
EXPRESSION
surprise
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I LIKE YOU,
TATSUYA
NO WAY
WHY
SFX. get up

!
AKIRA!
TA.
TATSUYA
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU
DO YOU HAVE TIME?
WHAT?
TALK TO ME?
I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW
AH! TANABE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT
TANABE!

.....
HEY!
AKIRA!
SEE YOU LATER, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT WITH TANABE
AH...
NO.
WHAT HAPPENED?
ARE YOU TWO FIGHTING?
.....
IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM RIGHT?
WOULD HE DO SOMETHING TO AKIRA?
BY THE WAY, LATELY
AKIRA HAS BEEN HANGING OUT A LOT WITH TANABE.
WE HAVEN'T ...

HUH...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
ACTUALLY I JUST HEARD IT FROM SOMEONE ELSE
TANABE, HE'S FROM N CITY RIGHT?
MY COUSIN LIVES THERE TOO,
AND I HEARD FROM HIM THAT WHILE TANABE WAS THERE HE HAD SOME UGLY RUMORS
AND WITH A GUY TOO
A GUY...?
THE FINE DETAILS EVEN THE SCHOOL DOESN'T KNOW,
BUT AT THE TIME IT WAS REALLY SERIOUS
TELL ME THE DETAILS! HURRY UP!
DON'T... DON'T GET SO EXCITED, I'M NOT SURE EITHER.
IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS A FIGHT OVER A LOVE INTEREST, SO THE BOY USED A KNIFE AND HURT A CLASSMATE
HURT...?
I'M NOT REALLY SURE IF THIS RUMOR IS TRUE
.....

AKIRA..
IS IT OKAY TO IGNORE HIM?
.....
IT'S OKAY
RIGHT NOW... I DON'T WANT TO SEE TATSUYA
I'M SORRY, TANABE
USING YOU AS AN EXCUSE TO GET AWAY
IT'S OKAY
I DON'T CARE

TANABE!
CAN I SIT HERE?
foot steps
foot steps
blow
YEA.
rustle
THAT'S YOUR LUNCH?
IT'S A NICE DAY...
WHAT ARE YOU, AN OLD MAN?
SHUT UP.
wind blowing

IT FEELS SO REALLY PEACEFUL
WHEN I'M WITH HIM,
IN FRONT OF HIM I CAN COMPLETELY RELAX
BECAUSE I'VE TOLD TANABE EVERYTHING
EVEN MY MOST UGLY SIDE
NOW, I HAVE TO FORCE MYSELF TO SMILE
DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING

TANABE
CAN I TALK TO YOU?
WHAT... EXACTLY IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YUI?
.....
ASKING THIS MIGHT BE HARD FOR YOU TO ANSWER

WHAT ARE YOU ASKING?
YOU WANT TO ASK,
THAT'S TO SAY---- YOU AND YUI...
hahaha
HMPH!
WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT DATING!
ARE WE DATING?
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
ACTUALLY ASKING ME SUCH A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER QUESTION,
THIS WAY
PHEW
BUT,
HE DID SLEEP WITH ME ONCE
WE'RE NOT IN A LOVE RELATIONSHIP

!!
.....
WHY ARE YOU ANGRY?

...
YOU'RE FRIENDS?
BUT YUI DOESN'T THINK THAT WAY...
FRIEND?
HA!
IS MY FRIEND...
SO...
...AKIRA HE----
I DON'T WANT TO USE RUMORS TO JUDGE YOUR CHARACTER,
BUT...
RUMORS?
EVEN IF YOU'RE FRIENDS, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT EACH OTHER'S AFFAIRS
IT HAPPENED BECAUSE BOTH PARTIES CONSENTED.
I DIDN'T RAPE YUI
HAVE YOU MISUNDERSTOOD SOMETHING?

WHEN YOU WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL. IS IT TRUE THE THING ABOUT YOU USING A KNIFE AND HURTING SOMEONE?
... THIS HMM. SO WHAT ABOUT IT?
TOO LONG AGO, I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN.
DON'T LIE!
IF THAT'S TRUE----
SO THEN WHAT?
AKIRA IS HARMED BECAUSE OF YOUR ACTIONS
I DEFINITELY WON'T LET YOU GO!
AHAHAHA!
HAHA!
TANABE!

YOU'RE HILARIOUS!
THE ONE WHO'S HURT YUI THE MOST ISN'T THAT YOU?
EXCUSE?
I CAN TELL,
USUALLY YOU PRETEND LIKE YOU DON'T CARE, BUT WHEN THERE'S DANGER, YOU START GETTING NERVOUS.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU IDIOT
HAVEN'T FIGURED IT OUT YET?
WITH THIS SORT OF ATTITUDE SAYING THAT YUI IS A FRIEND,
IT'S PROBABLY AN EXCUSE RIGHT?

YOU'RE VERY CARING AND GENTLE TOWARDS HIM,
BUT THE TRUTH IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE
LET ME GUESS-----
THE GENTLER YOU TREAT HIM,
THE MORE IT HURTS HIM.
YOU DIDN'T DO IT, BECAUSE YOU'RE PRETENDING TO BE MR GOOD STUDENT
MAKE HIM DIRTY!
MAKE HIM CRY,
ACTUALLY YOU REALLY WANT TO FUCK HIM RIGHT?

YOU ENVY ME FOR DOING THOSE THINGS!
THE TRUTH IS,
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GETTING MAD AT ME
RIGHT?
HMPH!
pull away
slide

ALWAYS
I WOULD TOWARDS
REALLY LIKE YOU
AKIRA ...?
TATSUYA
AKIRA!
WE SLEPT TOGETHER.
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
WITH BOTH PARTIES CONSENTING
BUT ...
BUT----!
AKIRA...
DAMN IT!
Kiss 2 END

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In the end, whether Yui choose Tatsuya or Tanabe is still an unsolved mystery

What does everybody think the answer is?

I've always wanted to illustrate a love triangle story, being able to make this dream come true makes me very happy!

Thankyou for Nsan, Kchan, Mickey Bsan

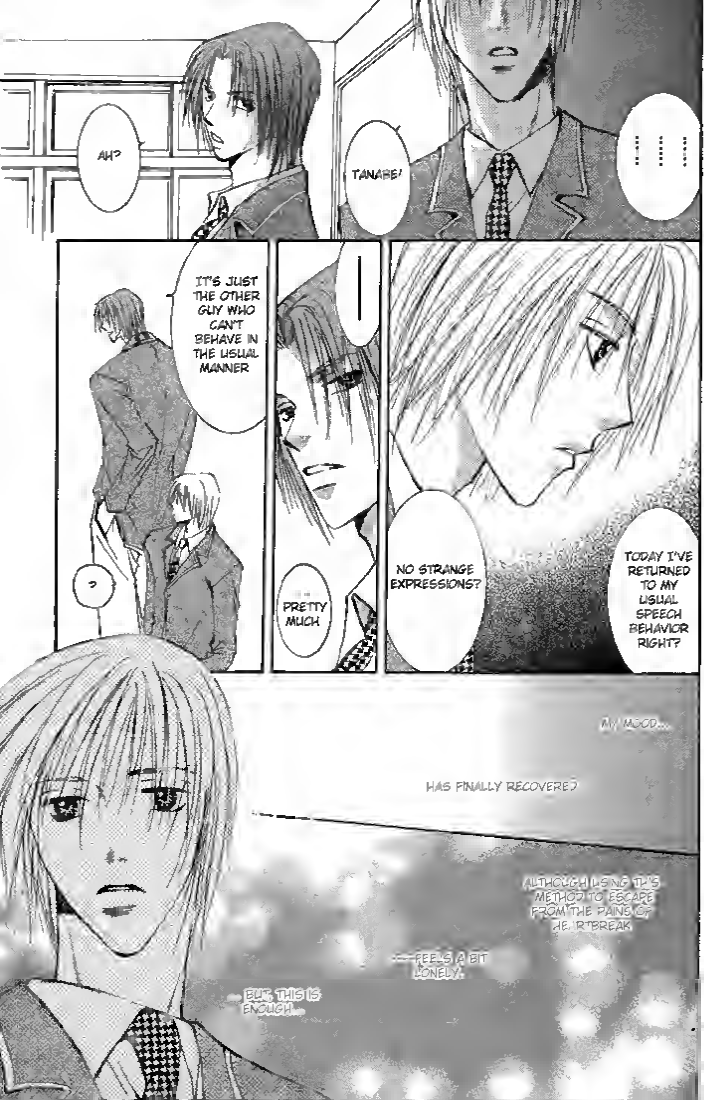
I REALLY...
TOWARDS AKIRA?
BUT HE'S A MAN!
BUT,
WE'VE ALWAYS PLAYED AROUND TOGETHER,
NO----
NEVER HAD THAT SORT OF FEELING BEFORE----
LIGHTLY TREMBLING
MY HAND
ALMOST FELT LIKE...
WHEN I PATTED HIS SHOULDER,
MAYBE
IT'S NOT ENTIRELY LIKE THAT

ALTHOUGH I FEEL THAT
IS REALLY TOO CUTE FOR WORDS...
CAN I SAY TRULY THAT I DON'T FEEL THAT WAY TOWARDS HIM?
SINCE I THINK THAT WAY
DO I REALLY...
LIKE HIM?
IS IT POSSIBLE

TODAY IT'S YOUR TURN TO BE CLASS MONITOR
COULD YOU WIPE THE BLACK-BOARD?
OK, SURE
WHO?
WHAT IS IT?
Akira!
SURPRISE

AKIRA...
HIS FINGERS ARE SO SLENDER,
EVEN HIS DELICATE PROFILE
AND HAIR SO SOFT
AND SLENDER NECK ALL ARE...
YUI!
SO...
I'LL HELP YOU!

SHAVE
OH
B
A
M
....SORRY
....WHAT'S WRONG?
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, IT'S DANGEROUS.


AH?
TANABE!
.....
IT'S JUST THE OTHER GUY WHO CAN'T BEHAVE IN THE USUAL MANNER
?
PRETTY MUCH
NO STRANGE EXPRESSIONS?
TODAY I'VE RETURNED TO MY USUAL SPEECH BEHAVIOR RIGHT?
MY MOOD...
HAS FINALLY RECOVERED
ALTHOUGH I USING THIS METHOD TO ESCAPE FROM THE PAIN OF HEARTBREAK
...FEELS A BIT LONELY.
...BUT, THIS IS ENOUGH...

TANABE, THANK YOU.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOUR HELP.
LOTS OF THINGS
ARE ALL THANKS TO YOU BEING HERE FOR ME
WHY THANK ME...
IT TOOK ME A LOT TO GET THE COURAGE TO SAY THIS...
DON'T SAY ANY-MORE
SO GROSS.
Oh, oh...
Boy, he's even allowing someone to talking ok?
Bing Bong
Room 202's Yui Akira, there's a phone call for you.
please come to the residential office.

A CALL FOR ME ...?
SHOULD BE YOUR FATHER,
USE THAT ONE TO PICK UP
...HELLO?
MNN YEA.
NNN SAME OLD.
WHAT'S UP?
ACTUALLY CALLING THE DORM...
-----JUST TO ASK THIS?
DIDN'T I SAY I WAS VERY BUSY?
ISN'T THIS PRETTY GOOD?
YOU CAN MAKE ANOTHER FAMILY!
..... I'M NOT GOING HOME!
THAT'S RIGHT!

AH
Akira!
Listen to me, Akira!
IF I GO HOME THEN I'LL ONLY GET IN YOUR WAY.
GOOD-BYE!
CLICK
SINCE I WAS BORN,
THINGS HADN'T BEEN GOOD BETWEEN MY PARENTS.

AS FAR AS I REMEMBER, I'VE NEVER FELT ANY LOVE FROM MY FATHER...
THEN FATHER HAD AN AFFAIR WITH ANOTHER WOMAN
HE NEVER LOOKED AT ME...
AND WHEN HE WAS HOME,
HE CAME HOME EVEN LESS
BUT THEN I GOT USED TO IT
WHEN I WAS LITTLE THIS WOULD HURT ME
DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL MOTHER PASSED AWAY
AFTER THAT MY FATHER IMMEDIATELY REMARRIED
DIDN'T EVEN ASK FOR MY OPINION.
AT HOME I'M JUST AN OUTSIDER.
WITH NO CHOICE, I COULD ONLY MOVE OUT AND LIVE IN THE DORMS.

THIS MONTH,
FATHER'S NEW WIFE GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY
AND FATHER, WHO KNOWS WHERE HE GOT THE IDEA, SUDDENLY DECIDED TO ACT LIKE THE "GOOD FATHER."
SUDDENLY ACTING LIKE HE WANTS ME TO "COME HOME."
IT'S TOO LATE!
ONLY SAYING THIS NOW
WANTING TO HAVE A FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIP WITH ME NOW... IS ALREADY TOO LATE
WHEN HE'S BEEN IGNORING ME FOR 17 YEARS!
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FACE THIS!

WHAT?
THE TYPE YOU LIKE
I GET IT
HA... SO IT'S LIKE THAT
IS THE QUINTESSENTIAL "MODEL FATHER" TYPE
... AM I RIGHT?
THAT'S TO SAY YOUR VIEW OF LOVE IS A TRANSFER OF FEELINGS BECAUSE OF A LACK OF FATHERLY LOVE

YOU WANT A MAN WHO CAN LOVE AND DOTE ON YOU!
BUT THERE'S NO SUCCESS
YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU BULL SHITTING ABOUT
FOR EXAMPLE ME.
YOU SHOULD FIND SOMEONE WHO'S MORE COMPATIBLE WITH YOU,
YOU'RE MAD BECAUSE I'M RIGHT?
GET OUT!
SO NOT COOL.
YOU KNOW NOTHING AND YET YOU'RE STILL TALKING!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
JUST JOKING
SIGH
HEY...

Get out!
JUST...LACK OF FATHERLY AFFECTIONS
CREATING A TRANSFER OF FEELINGS---?
NOT POSSIBLE
SFX: slam
NO!
MY FEELINGS FOR TATSUYA ARE NOT JUST...
ONLY WANT A MAN WHO WILL DOTE ON ME!

I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF IT
I JUST LIKE
TATSUYA'S SMILE
THEY'RE NOT JUST
HOW COULD I
CAN HOLD ME TIGHT
HOPING THAT PAIR OF STRONG AND SAFE HANDS
THINK LIKE THIS

IS REALLY UNBELIEVABLE ...
TANABE HE
SOMETIMES STRANGELY GENTLE
ALWAYS CHANGING LIKE THE WIND
BUT JUST WHEN I THINK IT HE RIPS OPEN SCARS WITHOUT MERCY
MAYBE IT'S JUST LIKE WHAT HE SAID,
YOU'RE MAD BECAUSE I'M RIGHT?
BUT TATSUYA AND ME ARE ALREADY NOT POSSIBLE
THAT'S RIGHT
THEREFORE!
PLEASE!
PLEASE JUST LISTEN TO ME

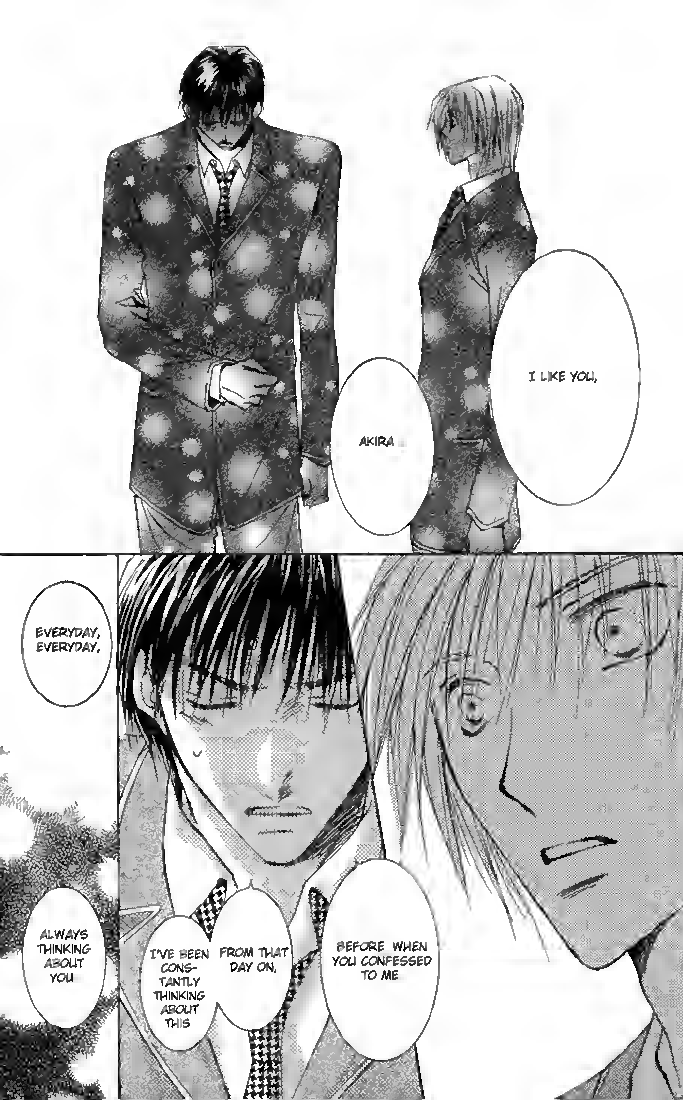
TATSUYA
I...
REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR THE THINGS I DID TO YOU IN THE PAST.
THAT TIME
I WASN'T SERIOUS ABOUT BREAKING UP WITH YOU,
BELIEVE ME!
I JUST THOUGHT IF I DID THIS, THEN I WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU
THAT WAS WHAT I THOUGHT SO...
I'M SORRY
STILL HASN'T CHANGED!!
WHAT?
THE RESULT
THIS WAY HMM?
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS
THIS IS ENOUGH
THIS IS JUST FINE

THIS WAY I CAN COMPLETELY FORGET HIM
AND THEN,
NANAKO...
BUT I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU AGAIN.
I'M VERY SORRY.
"EVERYTHING WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL."
OKA...
.....
OKA...
SORRY, I...
IF IT'S BECAUSE I'M TOO HEAD-STRONG, I APOLOGIZE.
I DON'T WANT TO BREAK UP WITH YOU LIKE THIS...
DON'T...
I DON'T WANT TO!

ALREADY...
HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE
LIAR...
I'M SORRY
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...

SORRY...
AH!
Akira!
I WASN'T LISTENING ON PURPOSE...
UMM.
AKIRA...
.....

FROM WHEN...
FROM WHEN TATSUYA
...WHEN DID YOU START...
LISTENING TO OUR CONVERSATION...?
YOU SAID THERE'S SOMEONE YOU LIKE...
WHAT TO DO...?
THE ATMOSPHERE FEELS SO HEAVY...
...SO...
I SHOULD GO BACK TO CLASS FIRST.
BYE
Don't go!
DON'T GO...
PLEASE!
TATSU
I LIKE YOU


I LIKE YOU,
AKIRA
EVERYDAY, EVERYDAY,
ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT YOU
I'VE BEEN CONSTANTLY THINKING ABOUT THIS
FROM THAT DAY ON,
BEFORE WHEN YOU CONFESSED TO ME

WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT THIS IT WOULD MAKE MY HEART ACHE UNCONTROLLABLY...
... JUST THINKING THAT YOU'VE ALWAYS HELD THIS SORT OF FEELING...
ONCE I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD FEEL A SORT OF UNCONTROLLABLE AFFECTION
I HAVE, ALREADY... FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU TO THE POINT OF NO RETURN
AKIRA!

PULL
AH...
SORRY...
I'M SORRY!
RIGHT NOW I...
MY HEAD IS CONFUSED...
SO...

SLAM
pant
pant
—TANABE—
WHAT DO I DO—

OH------
ISN'T THIS GOOD?
HOW IS IT GOOD?!
WHAT
DIDN'T HE TOSS AWAY HIS OLD LOVER AND RETURN YOUR FEELINGS?
THIS IS A THING TO CELE-BRATE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU OUTRIGHT ACCEPT HIM?
HEY!
JUST BEFORE YOU WERE CRITICIZING MY VIEWS OF LOVE OR SOMETHING!
THAT'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT
IN THE END, BEING ABLE TO RESULT IN HAPPINESS IS BEST
LOVE THAT IS BORN UNCONS-CIOUSLY ALSO EXISTS!
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME?

GET UP
THIS WAY, YOU WON'T CRY BECAUSE OF THAT GUY AGAIN RIGHT?
YUI, YOU SHOULD GRAB ONTO OKA TIGHTLY DON'T RUN AROUND ANYMORE.
WHY...?
I...
pat
I SHOULD CONGRATULATE YOU FIRST.
BUT THAT GUY PROBABLY WILL SECURELY LOCK YOU TO HIS SIDE.

OPEN
IF YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH HIM, THEN COME TO ME TO TALK.
SEE YA

JEEZ!
IF POSSIBLE,
I HOPE HE NEVER COMES TO BOTHER ME AGAIN.
SFX: close
TANAKA
WHY IS HE SO STRAIGHT FORWARD...? PUSHING ME TOWARDS TATSUYA?
I ACTUALLY...
I
HOPED HE WOULD
STOP ME...?
WAS HOPING HE WOULD
...P ME

BUT...
TANABE NO STOPPING ME?
I DON'T
TANABE DOESN'T LIKE ME
I DON'T LIKE HIM EITHER
BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH LOVE

LIKE HIM

I'VE ALWAYS LIKED TATSUYA
I REALLY LIKE HIM
— THAT'S GREAT...
I WILL FIND MY FEELINGS TOWARDS HIM AGAIN
THERE'S DEFINITELY NO PROBLEMS
ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT GIVING UP
FINALLY ABLE TO BE
HAVE WHAT I WANT

HEY!
WHY DID YOU PICK THIS SORT OF PLACE TO EAT LUNCH ALONE?
UMM, BECAUSE LATELY I ALWAYS EAT HERE
OHHH---- THEN CAN I EAT WITH YOU?
OF COURSE!
THAT'S RIGHT. BECAUSE TANABE ALWAYS COMES HERE.
UNCONSCIOUSLY, I GOT USED TO COMING HERE
YOUR LUNCH LOOKS REALLY DELICIOUS.
REALLY? MY MOM MADE IT.

ISN'T THAT GOOD? THIS IS YOUR MOM'S LOVE LUNCH BOX
NOT LIKE ME WHO HAS TO FUY FIREAD AND EAT IT WITH THINGS FROM THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
MY MOM ALWAYS PUTS FRIED EGG ROLLS AND LITTLE CUCUMBERS INTO MY LUNCH BOX
DO YOU WANT TO TRY SOME?
CAN I?
THANK YOU MMM, DELICIOUS
IS IT?
FEELS GREAT
AKIRA...
SUCH GENTLE ATMOSPHERE...

AH
UNN'
...
AH
SORRY
TATSUYA
I CAN'T BREATHE
TA.

HONESTLY BACK THEN
I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD SOME DAY LIKE A GUY
I COMPLETELY DID NOT REALIZE YOUR FEELINGS
BUT,
JUST THEN AFTER KISSING YOU—
MY HEART—
EVEN NOW IS STILL LOUDLY JUMPING,
AN UNCONTROLLABLE SORT OF FEELING
TANABE SAID,
I HELD TOWARDS YOU A DIFFERENT SORT OF FEELING,
NOW I REALLY DEEPLY UNDERSTAND THAT—
TANABE?
WHAT DID HE SAY TO YOU?
AH?
IT WAS NOTHING

WHAT DID THAT GUY TELL YOU ABOUT ME?
AKIRA,
DON'T H NG AROUND HIM ANYMORE!
.....
TATSUYA
I KNOW I'M JUST BEING IRRATIO-NALLY JEALOUS,
BUT,
YOU AND HIM ONCE
SLE T TOGE-THER.

THAT'S RIGHT...
I CHOSE
IT DOESN'T MATTER!
THAT, THAT WAS...
THAT,
I UNDERSTAND!
TANABE AND I
TATSUYA AND----
IN THE END YOU STILL RESPONDED TO ME,
CHOSE ME DIDN'T YOU?
WE'RE NOT WHAT YOU THINK WE ARE.
THAT TATSUYA,
TANABE, WHOM I MADE DO WITH TEMPORARILY CANNOT BE COMPARED.
THERE WASN'T ANYTHING
EMOTIONALWISE BETWEEN US
SO THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING---
!
NOTHING!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
HUH?
TANABE HE TOWARDS YOU...
BUT,

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
AKIRA...
I
WHY AM I STILL THINKING ABOUT OTHER THINGS
AM ALREADY ENCLOSED IN THAT LONG-DREAMT OF EMBRACE
WHY AM I STILL HESITATING

HE'S NOT CUTTING CLASS IS HE...
TANABE... HE'S TAKING A DAY OFF?
DIDN'T SEE HIM AT BREAKFAST EITHER.

IT'S NOT LIKE HOW TATSUYA THINKS IT IS.
WE DON'T HAVE THAT SORT OF—
I CAN'T THINK ABOUT HIM ANYMORE.
I CAN'T
BIG NEWS! EVERYBODY LISTEN TO ME!
WHAT IS IT? YELLING SO LOUDLY.
IT'S TANABE!
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT I DIDN'T SEE HIM DURING THE MORNING
TURNS OUT THE SCHOOL EXPELLED HIM.
WHA.
YOU'RE SERIOUS?
IT'S TRUE!
I JUST HEARD IT IN THE TEACHER'S LOUNGE.

I THINK HE GOT CAUGHT SMOKING BY THE SCHOOL
AND THEN HAD A FIGHT WITH A TEACHER.
WHY? WHAT DID HE DO?
BUT, THAT'S WRONG
HE...
SMOKING ?
Akira...
LATELY, HE HASN'T BEEN SMOKING AT ALL...

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SUCH STUPIDITY, TO INDULGE IT...
TANABE SAID IN THE PAST
TANABE...
OK!
AM I NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO BE YOUR PARTNER?
TANABE!
NOT GOOD ENOUGH?
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YO!
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING...
YOU CAN'T BE...
THAT'S RIGHT.
JUST LIKE THAT.
I'M QUITTING SCHOOL
W...
WHY?
WHAT FOR?
I HAVEN'T BEEN SMOKING
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SMOKING
BUT THE TEACHERS DON'T BELIEVE THAT I HAVEN'T SMOKED

I HEARD THAT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL HE COMMITTED AN ASSAULT CRIME!
HOW CAN WE BELIEVE THAT STUDENT!
HMPH! SO I WAS CARELESS ACCIDENTALLY WALKING PAST A SMOKING CORNER
I COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE SO I BEAT HIM UP
DISGUSTING!
AND THE REASON WAS A FIGHT OVER A GAY LOVER!
BUT...
BUT...
ANYWAY, I CAN'T REALLY FIND A REASON FOR HAVING TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL
MIGHT AS WELL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ESCAPE
TANABE YOU SHOULD QUIT SMOKING.
THAT'S RIGHT...
SINCE THAT TIME...
SINCE THAT TIME...
I CAN HELP YOU PROVE IT
YOU WEREN'T SMOKING!

SMOKING ISN'T GOOD FOR YOU...
REALLY
REALLY...?
TANABE...
BECAUSE I TOLD YOU NOT TO SMOKE,
YOU QUIT...
I WAS JUST SAYING IT CASUALLY...
NO.
WHY
IS IT LIKE THAT...
WHY?

YOU...
YOU OFTEN TOLERATE MY WILLFULNESS, AND LET ME ACT LIKE A SPOILED BRAT.
WAIT...
I... HAVEN'T BEEN
WRONG ABOUT SOMETHING ALL THIS TIME, RIGHT?
THAT'S FOR YOU.
FEELS BETTER AFTER YOU SAY IT OUT LOUD, RIGHT?
YET YOU ALSO OFTEN SAY REALLY CUTTING THINGS TO ME.
AND THAT TIME,
YOU SAID TO ME ONCE...
MY VIEW OF LOVE IS A TRANSFER OF EMOTIONS FROM A LACK OF FATHERLY LOVE
AND YOU WANTED ME TO FIND A MORE SUITABLE BOYFRIEND
FOR EXAMPLE...

FOR EXAMPLE, SAY ME
AH.
TA—
I TOOK THAT
JUST AS ONE OF HIS JOKES
TANABE

YOU CAN'T BE
MY THROAT IS REALLY DRY
I M DIZZY
FUYAMA!
BECAUSE THAT GUY DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL
THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO GO WITH A TOUGH PUNISHMENT,
COULD THE SCHOOL'S PUNISHMENT BE TOO TOUGH?
WHY WOULD HE START A FIGHT WITH A TEACHER?
CHATTER
TANABE SURE HAD GUTS
CHATTER

I THINK HE JUST ASSAULTED SOMEONE WITH A KNIFE BEFORE.
FUYAMA!
AHH... IT'S NOTHING
WHAT, DID HE DO SOMETHING REALLY HEINOUS?
WHAT? MIDDLE SCHOOL?
UNBELIEVABLE! HE STABBED SOMEONE? INCREDIBLE!
calm down
WHAT, LIKE HE CUT SOMEONE WITH THAT KNIFE?
HAHHHH YOU'RE KIDDING ME!?
appears
I THINK... IT WASN'T LIKE THAT...
AND, IF YOU MAKE HIM MAD, THEN THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE DIRE
BUT HE NEVER REALLY LOOKED THAT VIOLENT...
YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
MMM, BECAUSE I ALSO LIVED IN N CITY, AND THAT THING WAS A TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION DURING THE TIME

BUT . WHAT I HEARD IS NOT THE SAME AS WHAT EVERYONE IS SAYING
I.
DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL
IN MY CLASS THERE WAS A GUY WHO WAS GAY.
BECAUSE WE HAD THAT IN COMMON, WE GOT ALONG PRETTY WELL
WHAT
WHAT IS HE TELLING ME ?

EVEN IF I WASN'T INTERESTED IN HIM,
WE STILL GOT ALONG REALLY WELL BECAUSE HE WAS MY BEST FRIEND.
ONE DAY HE STARTED GOING OUT WITH A BOY IN OUR GRADE.
THE BOY WASN'T VERY STRIKING AND HAD A STAID PERSONALITY.
SO SERIOUS I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS SO ATTRACTIVE ABOUT HIM.
BUT WHEN I SAW HOW HAPPY MY FRIEND WAS,
I THOUGHT IF HE'S HAPPY THEN IT DOESN'T MATTER.
AT FIRST THINGS WERE JUST LIKE THAT
JUST LIKE THAT...

AND THEN AFTER THAT, I FOUND OUT
HE WAS GENTLE AND KIND
THAT GUY'S FACE, WHEN HE WAS SMILING AT MY FRIEND, WAS SURPRISINGLY CUTE.
AND I DISCOVERED,
AFTERWARDS I WATCHED THOSE TWO EVERYDAY,
UNCONSCIOUSLY,
I COULDN'T STOP LOOKING AT HIM
—WHY—

HE WAS MY BEST FRIEND'S LOVER...
WHY DOES TANABE WANT TO TELL ME THIS ?
WOULD I BE BETRAYING HIM BY DOING THIS...
AT THAT TIME, I TOSSED THOSE THOUGHTS ASIDE
I JUST SIMPLY WANTED TO GET HIM
OF COURSE HE REJECTED ME,
BUT THE MORE HE REFUSED AND ESCAPED,
THE MORE I WAS ATTRACTED TO HIM
NOW WHEN I THINK OF IT,
I WAS REALLY STUPID BACK THEN, JUST LIKE A KID'S CHILDISH WAYS
— INSTEAD OF SAYING IT WAS LOVE,
IN THE END,
IT'D BE BETTER TO SAY IT WAS LIKE PLAYING A GAME,

I CAUGHT HIM
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT STEALING HIM FROM MY BEST FRIEND
I JUST WANTED TO TRY KISSING HIS LIPS...
TO GET CLOSE TO HIM, FEEL HIS BREATH
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO DO...
—
BUT THESE BASE WANTS WEREN'T ALLOWED TO HAPPEN,
WE WERE IMMEDIATELY SEEN BY MY FRIEND

HIS EXPRES-
SION THEN.
I CAN STILL
REMEMBER IT.
AND THEN...

THAT GUY...
BLOCKED THE KNIFE FOR ME.
BECAUSE MY MOMENTARY IMPULSE CAUSED SUCH A RESULT.
I FINALLY REALIZED...
JUST HOW SERIOUS MY MISTAKE WAS
ALTHOUGH HIS INJURY WASN'T SERIOUS,

IN THE END,
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW,
IF I REALLY LIKED HIM OR NOT.
AFTERWARDS, I SAW THE BOY AGAIN,
BUT I ALREADY HAD NO FEELINGS FOR HIS SMILES

JUST LIKE A KID,
WAS JUST— BECAUSE HE WAS SOMEONE ELSE'S LOVER.
ALWAYS WANTING SOMEONE ELSE'S TOYS.
THE REASON WHY I WAS SO ATTRACTED TO
AT THAT TIME I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD.
THAT WAS PROBABLY THE REASON I WANTED HIM SO MUCH
THE HARDER SOMETHING IS TO OBTAIN, THE MORE ATTRACTIVE IT BECOMES
... BUT THAT MIGHT JUST BE SOME REASON I MADE UP.
.....

BUT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I REGRET IT, THERE'S NO WAY TO ERASE MY MISTAKES
I ALSO KNEW EVEN IF I APOLOGIZED, I WOULD NEVER GET TRUE FORGIVENESS
THE RESULT WAS, UNDER THE SURROUNDING SURVEILLANCE,
WE WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS AFTER GRADUATION
AND THEN, JUST LIKE THAT,
. THIS DRAMA ENDED
-TA.
THAT'S RIGHT

IT'S JUST LIKE YOU GUESSED.
I DO LIKE YOU.
SINCE I MET YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL,
EVERY MOVEMENT IN YOUR DAILY LIFE,
THE SMILES FOR OTHERS,
THAT INFATUATED GAZE FOR OKA.
I.

TA...
ME TOO...
TANABE... I...
SAW ALL OF THESE WITH MY EYES.
YOU DEFINITELY DIDN'T KNOW RIGHT...?
I ALSO TOWARDS YOU...
BUT YUI,
I STILL HAVE NO WAY TO CONFIRM THESE FEELINGS I HAVE FOR YOU

MIGHT BE BECAUSE YOU LIKE SOMEONE ELSE.
THE REASON I LIKE YOU,
...AH...
BECAUSE YOU LIKE OKA.
BECAUSE THAT BURNING GAZE WASN'T DIRECTED TOW..IRDS ME.
...SAYING I CAN'T JUST IGNORE YOU.
BECAUSE UNATTAINABLE THINGS ARE MORE ATTRACTIVE
ALSO HOLDS MY TRUE FEELINGS.
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT.
I ACTUALLY...

AND BECAUSE OF THAT,
I HOPE YOU'LL BE WITH OKA SOON.
... ALWAYS LIKED YOU
I UNDERSTAND VERY WELL THE REASON YOU CLING MY SIDE.
IF THAT GOES ON I MIGHT...
... DO SOMETHING THAT HURTS YOU.
... IS WHAT I FEAR MOST.
THE SAME THING HAPPENING,
JUST LIKE A REPLAY OF THAT TIME

I'M AFRAID...

TANABE
TANABE
I..
I... WON'T...
I WON'T GET HURT THAT EASILY...
TANABE
I'M DIFFERENT FROM HIM...
I..
BECAUSE

I HEARD YOU WERE QUITTING SCHOOL.
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT YOU NOT BEING HERE,
I CAN'T EXPLAIN CLEARLY THIS WAY...
I—
I.
IT'S NOT THE SAME!
TANABE!

I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO
I DON'T WANT...
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY IT

I.
ACTUALLY TOWARDS YOU...

TANABE...
AKIRA, RIGHT NOW,
I HAVE NO WAY OF CONFIRMING MY FEELINGS FOR YOU.
BUT, IN THE FUTURE,
DECADES, MAYBE EVEN LATER,
IF WE CAN STILL MEET AGAIN,

IF AT THAT TIME, OUR FEELINGS
STILL REMAINED UNCHANGED
THEN

AT THAT TIME ...

HOW CAN THAT BE?
LEFT...
TATSUYA ...
HE ALREADY LEFT...
HE'S ... NOT HERE
AKIRA... THIS IS?
WHERE'S TATSUYA ...?
I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY, TATSUYA.

YOU REALLY
ACTUALLY LIKE HIM?
I DON'T KNOW.
I ALREADY...
IT'S LIKE WHAT TANABE SAID, HUMAN EMOTIONS CAN CHANGE
CAN'T DISTINGUISH
...IS GRADUALLY CHANGING
STILL WITH MANY ELEMENTS PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE...

BUT,
TANABE
IS WITHOUT MEANING
I DON'T THINK THAT LOVING SOMEONE IS THIS SORT OF EMOTION.
AS I LOOK INTO THE FUTURE TOGETHER
EVEN IF YOU HURT THE OTHER,
EVEN IF YOU WERE HURT BY HIM, YOU SHOULD STILL FORGIVE WITH ARMS WIDE OPEN.
HE MUST

HOPE TO BELIEVE
THINK THE EMOTIONS WILL FADE WITH TIME
IT'S BECAUSE HE VALUES THESE FEELINGS
...IN HIS EARSHOT.

TO PROVE OUR FEELINGS

BEEP
BEEP
SALE

MMM! LATELY WORK HAS FINALLY GOTTEN ON TRACK.
MMM, YEA. I'M LE VING THE COMPANY RIGHT NOW.
HAHA! I GOT IT.
OH RIGHT! NOW YOU CAN JUST USE EMAIL.
IT CHANGED TO THE 17TH AT 6PM, AT TORAMI RIGHT?
BEING A CLASS REUNION COMMITTE MEMBER IS HARD RIGHT?
BY THE WAY, TATSUYA.
BYE.
ALRIGHT, I'LL TELL HIM.
YOU HAVE TO CONTACT EVERYONE ON THE PHONE?

TATSUYA REALLY DIDN'T CHANGE ONE BIT
EVEN AFTER GRADUATING ALL THESE YEARS HE'S STILL A CLASS CAPTAIN
TATSUYA DIDN'T CHANGE AT ALL
STILL MR NICE GUY
I CAN NOW
REALLY?
STILL WILLING TO BE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME

SLEEKLY AND CALMLY
EVEN WHEN I WAS STILL A LITTLE KID
THINK ABOUT THE PROBLEM BACK THEN
SO I COULD ONLY FIND THAT SORT OF ANSWER.
I SPENT SO LONG STARING AT MY OWN FEELINGS
RECOLLECTION IS ALWAYS
BITTERSWEET

SORRY, DID YOU WAIT LONG?

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